

AN ORDINANCE     **9 8 8 4 3**

**AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE RESIDENTIAL,  
GENERAL, WHOLESALE AND IRRIGATION WATER  
RATES; AUTHORIZING ADJUSTMENTS TO THE  
RESIDENTIAL, GENERAL AND WHOLESALE  
WASTEWATER SERVICE RATES; AMENDING  
CHAPTER 34 OF THE CITY CODE ACCORDINGLY; AND  
PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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**WHEREAS**, the City of San Antonio ("City") by and through the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees ("Board") is charged with determining the financial requirements of the San Antonio Water System ("System") and the need for any adjustments in the schedule of rates and charges for water and sewer service pursuant to Ordinance No. 75686, which was approved on April 30, 1992 (the "Indenture"); and

**WHEREAS**, the Board, pursuant to Board Resolution No. 04-065, which was approved on February 3, 2004, has determined that the residential, general, wholesale and irrigation water service rates, and the residential, general, and wholesale sewer service rates are in need of adjustment in order to meet the financial requirements of the System; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board further determined that the benchmarked affordability goals of both the City and the System can be better met through the establishment of a sliding scale affordability discount program to replace the current flat rate meter discount program; and

**WHEREAS**, such adjustments and revisions require amendments to certain sections of Chapter 34 of the San Antonio City Code and the schedules of water and sewer service rates and charges incorporated therein; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board has also recommended that such amendments to Chapter 34 of the San Antonio City Code and the Schedules of water and sewer service rates and charges be adopted and that the current flat rate meter discount program be revised by the San Antonio City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, it is in the best interest of the City to approve and adopt such adjustment to the water and sewer service rates and charges in order to continue to maintain its covenants and obligations established in the Indenture; **NOW THEREFORE:**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAN ANTONIO:**

**SECTION 1.** The amendments through the revisions of Article I, Section 34-2.01, Article II, Section 34-121, Section 23-122, Section 34-122.2, and Article III, Section 34-226 of the City Code are hereby approved. The amendments affixed hereto and fully incorporated herein for all

purposes as Attachment I are on file and with the Office of the City Clerk and the President/Chief Executive Officer of the San Antonio Water System, 1001 East Market, San Antonio, Texas.

**SECTION 2.** The City Council further approves the revisions to the current flat rate meter discount program through the establishment of a sliding scale affordability discount program to better meet the benchmarked affordability goals of the City of San Antonio and the San Antonio Water System Board of Trustees. Such revision is set out in the amendments attached hereto and incorporated herein as Attachment I.

**SECTION 3.** Those provisions of Chapter 34 of the San Antonio City Code which are not specifically revised by this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 4.** The adjustments to the residential, general, wholesale and irrigation water service rates and the residential, general, and wholesale sewer service rates set out in Schedules A, B, C, and D duly incorporated into the amendments to Chapter 34 of the San Antonio City Code adopted pursuant to this Ordinance shall become effective at 12:01 a.m. on or after March 1, 2004, and shall be applied to all applicable San Antonio Water System billings upon completion of one complete monthly billing period on or after April 1, 2004.

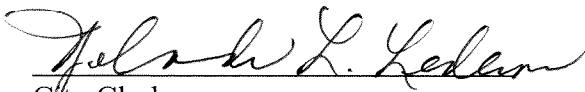
**SECTION 5.** If any provision, section, sub-section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance, or the application of same to any person or set of circumstances, is for any reason held to be unconstitutional, void, invalid, the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby, it being the intent of the City Council in adopting this ordinance that no portion hereof or provisions or regulation contained herein shall become inoperative or fail by reason of any unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity of any other portion, and all provisions of this ordinance are declared to be severable.

**SECTION 6.** This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon eight (8) affirmative votes, otherwise, it shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of passage.

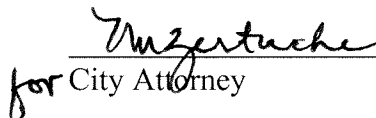
**PASSED AND APPROVED,** this 12<sup>th</sup> day of February, 2004.

  
MAYOR  
EDWARD D. GARZA

**ATTEST:**

  
City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

  
for City Attorney

**ATTACHMENT I**  
**CITY COUNCIL AGENDA ITEM NO. 5**  
**02/12/04**

## SCHEDULE A

### RESIDENTIAL WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULES SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM San Antonio, Texas Effective 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2004

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all residential water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons of water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

#### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

Meter Size	Service Availability Charge	
5/8"	<del>\$ 5.61</del>	\$ 5.61
3/4"	<del>6.85</del>	7.12
1"	<del>8.22</del>	10.36
1-1/2"	<del>11.45</del>	18.46
2"	<del>16.68</del>	28.18
3"	<del>47.94</del>	50.85
4"	<del>64.75</del>	83.25
6"	<del>117.90</del>	164.24
8"	<del>167.34</del>	261.42
10"	<del>251.76</del>	374.81
12"	<del>554.30</del>	698.76

#### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

Step in Gallons	Rate per 100 Gallons			
	Standard		Seasonal	
First 7,481	<del>\$ 0.0722</del>	\$ 0.0751	<del>\$ 0.0722</del>	\$0.0751
Next 5,236	<del>0.1038</del>	0.1086	<del>0.1128</del>	0.1181
Next 4,488	<del>0.1288</del>	0.1707	<del>0.1388</del>	0.1840
Over 17,205	<del>0.2703</del>	0.2728	<del>0.3490</del>	0.3523

The Volume Charge "Seasonal" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be applied to all billings beginning July 1 and ending on or about October 31 of each year. At all other times the Volume Charge "Standard" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be utilized.

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all residential water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

#### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

Meter Size	Service Availability Charge	
5/8"	<del>\$ 7.28</del>	\$ 7.28
3/4"	<del>8.92</del>	9.25
1"	<del>10.68</del>	13.47
1-1/2"	<del>14.89</del>	23.99
2"	<del>21.70</del>	36.63
3"	<del>62.31</del>	66.11
4"	<del>84.16</del>	108.22
6"	<del>153.27</del>	213.51
8"	<del>217.54</del>	339.85
10"	<del>327.29</del>	487.25
12"	<del>720.59</del>	908.39

#### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

Step in Gallons	Rate per 100 Gallons			
	Standard		Seasonal	
First 7,481	<del>\$ 0.0940</del>	\$ 0.0976	<del>\$0.0940</del>	\$ 0.0976
Next 5,236	<del>0.1350</del>	0.1412	<del>0.1466</del>	0.1535
Next 4,488	<del>0.1673</del>	0.2219	<del>0.1805</del>	0.2392
Over 17,205	<del>0.3463</del>	0.3546	<del>0.4487</del>	0.4580

The Volume Charge "Seasonal" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be applied to all billings beginning July 1 and ending on or about October 31 of each year. At all other times the Volume Charge "Standard" Rate Per 100 Gallons shall be utilized.

### RESIDENTIAL SEWER RATE SCHEDULES

Sewer service charges for all metered residential connections are computed on the basis of average water usage for 90 days during three consecutive billing periods beginning after November 15 and ending on or about March 15 of each year and are billed according to the rate schedules below.

#### INSIDE CITY LIMITS (ICL)

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons)  
~~\$5.70~~ \$6.60.  
Over 1,496 gallons - ~~\$0.1526~~ \$0.1750 per 100 gallons.

New customers or customers moving from one location to another who would not have a record of winter water usage will be billed an Unaveraged Residential Charge of ~~\$15.97~~ \$18.38 per month.

#### OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (OCL)

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons)  
~~\$6.84~~ \$7.92.  
Over 1,496 gallons - ~~\$0.1831~~ \$0.2100 per 100 gallons.

New customers or customers moving from one location to another who would not have a record of winter water usage will be billed an Unaveraged Residential Charge of ~~\$19.16~~ \$22.06 per month.

## SCHEDULE B

### GENERAL WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULES SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM

San Antonio, Texas  
Effective 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2004

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all general water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

#### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>	
5/8"	<del>\$8.74</del>	\$ 8.14
3/4"	<del>11.37</del>	10.91
1"	<del>14.81</del>	15.93
1-1/2"	<del>23.55</del>	29.07
2"	<del>34.44</del>	43.85
3"	<del>91.60</del>	88.74
4"	<del>136.14</del>	146.41
6"	<del>259.71</del>	290.53
8"	<del>391.47</del>	450.87
10"	<del>536.79</del>	627.40
12"	<del>662.31</del>	989.26

#### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	
Below Base*	<del>\$0.0900</del>	\$0.0900
100-125% of Base	<del>\$0.0975</del>	\$0.1043
125-150% of Base	<del>\$0.1050</del>	\$0.1354
150-200% of Base	<del>\$0.1150</del>	\$0.1774
Over 200% of Base	<del>\$0.2590</del>	\$0.2623

\*The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all general water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

#### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>	
5/8"	<del>\$10.57</del>	\$ 9.81
3/4"	<del>13.60</del>	13.04
1"	<del>17.53</del>	19.04
1-1/2"	<del>27.43</del>	34.60
2"	<del>39.92</del>	52.30
3"	<del>107.34</del>	104.00
4"	<del>157.40</del>	171.38
6"	<del>298.12</del>	339.80
8"	<del>450.40</del>	529.30
10"	<del>619.47</del>	739.84
12"	<del>770.88</del>	1,198.89

#### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

<u>Usage Blocks</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	
Below Base*	<del>\$0.1170</del>	\$0.1170
100-125% of Base	<del>\$0.1268</del>	\$0.1356
125-150% of Base	<del>\$0.1365</del>	\$0.1760
150-200% of Base	<del>\$0.1495</del>	\$0.2306
Over 200% of Base	<del>\$0.3367</del>	\$0.3410

\*The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption

## SEWER

Sewer service charges are computed from the water usage schedules below for all metered connections.

#### INSIDE CITY LIMITS (ICL)

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons) ~~\$6.40~~ \$6.60.  
Over 1,496 gallons - ~~\$0.1489~~ \$0.1750 per 100 gallons.

#### OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (OCL)

Monthly Service Availability Charge (includes first 1,496 gallons) ~~\$7.68~~ \$7.92.  
Over 1,496 gallons - ~~\$0.1787~~ \$0.2100 per 100 gallons.

## SCHEDULE C

### WHOLESALE WATER AND SEWER RATE SCHEDULES SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM San Antonio, Texas Effective 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2004

#### WATER

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all wholesale water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

##### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

Meter Size†	Service Availability Charge	
6"	\$247.60	\$164.24
8"	371.40	261.42
10"	495.22	374.81
12"	705.65	698.76

##### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

Usage Blocks	Rate Per 100 Gallons	
Below Base*	\$0.0615	\$0.0654
100 – 125% of Base	\$0.0710	\$0.0816
125 – 150% of Base	\$0.0769	\$0.1123
150 – 200% of Base	\$0.0828	\$0.1497
Over 200% of Base	\$0.0888	\$0.1963

\* The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all wholesale water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

##### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

Meter Size†	Service Availability Charge	
6"	\$321.88	\$213.51
8"	482.82	339.85
10"	643.77	487.25
12"	917.34	908.39

##### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

Usage in Gallons	Rate Per 100 Gallons	
Below Base*	\$0.0800	\$0.0850
100 – 125% of Base	\$0.0923	\$0.1061
125 – 150% of Base	\$0.1000	\$0.1460
150 – 200% of Base	\$0.1077	\$0.1946
Over 200% of Base	\$0.1154	\$0.2552

\* The Base Use is defined as 90% of the Annual Average Consumption

† Wholesale water service will not be provided through a meter smaller than 6" in order to comply with fire-flow requirements and the "Criteria for Water Supply and Distribution in the City of San Antonio and its Extraterritorial Jurisdiction."

#### SEWER

##### INSIDE CITY LIMITS (ICL)

Wholesale: ~~\$0.1362~~ \$0.1577 Monthly Volume Charge per 100 gallons of contributed wastewater. (~~\$1.03~~ \$1.18 per 100 cubic feet)

##### OUTSIDE CITY LIMITS (OCL)

Wholesale: ~~\$67.00~~ \$77.54 Monthly Service Availability Charge plus ~~\$0.1467~~ \$0.1893 Monthly Volume Charge per 100 gallons of contributed wastewater. (~~\$1.0976~~ \$1.42 per 100 cubic feet)

## SCHEDULE D

### IRRIGATION WATER RATE SCHEDULE SAN ANTONIO WATER SYSTEM San Antonio, Texas Effective 12:01 a.m., March 1, 2004

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all irrigation water service **INSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

#### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>	
5/8"	<del>\$ 8.74</del>	\$ 8.14
3/4"	<del>11.37</del>	10.91
1"	<del>14.81</del>	15.93
1-1/2"	<del>23.55</del>	29.07
2"	<del>34.44</del>	43.85
3"	<del>91.60</del>	88.74
4"	<del>136.14</del>	146.41
6"	<del>259.71</del>	290.53
8"	<del>391.47</del>	450.87
10"	<del>536.79</del>	627.40
12"	<del>662.31</del>	989.26

#### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

<u>Step in Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	
First 12,717	<del>\$0.1200</del>	\$0.1266
Next 4,488	<del>0.1900</del>	0.1900
Over 17,205	<del>0.2590</del>	0.2623

The Service Availability Charge (minimum bill) for all irrigation water service **OUTSIDE THE CITY LIMITS** of San Antonio furnished through meters of the following sizes together with the Monthly Volume Charge measured per 100 gallons for water usage in every instance of service for each month or fraction thereof shall be as follows:

#### MONTHLY SERVICE AVAILABILITY CHARGE

<u>Meter Size</u>	<u>Service Availability Charge</u>	
5/8"	<del>\$10.57</del>	\$9.81
3/4"	<del>13.60</del>	13.04
1"	<del>17.53</del>	19.04
1-1/2"	<del>27.43</del>	34.60
2"	<del>39.92</del>	52.30
3"	<del>107.34</del>	104.00
4"	<del>157.40</del>	171.38
6"	<del>298.12</del>	339.80
8"	<del>450.40</del>	529.30
10"	<del>619.47</del>	739.84
12"	<del>770.88</del>	1,198.89

#### MONTHLY VOLUME CHARGE

<u>Step in Gallons</u>	<u>Rate Per 100 Gallons</u>	
First 12,717	<del>\$0.1560</del>	\$0.1645
Next 4,488	<del>0.2470</del>	0.2470
Over 17,205	<del>0.3400</del>	0.3410